



# The Avalanche.

O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR,  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1881.

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## POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Grant is reported to be improving, and gaining in strength every day.

The general crop reports from the northwestern states as to fall, so grain are regarded as unfavorable.

We are pleased to hear that the complaint from which the Hon. Henry Watterson has recently been suffering was only sore eyes. We had feared it might be sore head.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The average Democratic editor divides his time these days between tolling Cleveland to the skies in his paper and swearing like a pirate in his private.—*Port Huron Commercial.*

From what is taking place in Utah the Mormons have evidently not at all a failing. The Mormons did not think much of it at first, but it has a clinging, octopus sort of way with it which is deadly.—*Utah Tribune.*

England and Russia did a great deal of talking, but no fighting. Col. Ilic kept his mouth shut and began to shoot. Most West didn't care where you foot with the silent pump.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

In Michigan they assess a dog a dollar for being a dog. In Tennessee they assess a man fifty cents to be a doctor. It costs "half a ton" more to be a dog in Michigan than a doctor in Tennessee. Don't be a dog.—*Battle Creek News.*

The governor has approved a bill amending the law relative to the reports of county superintendents of the poor; amending the law incorporating the Royal Templars of Temperance and amending the state industrial school act.

We hope it is not true that Secretary Bayard intends to withdraw from the cabinet. While we do not agree with Mr. Bayard in politics, we are willing to say for him that he has made more Republican votes in two months than his predecessor, Mr. Frelinghuysen, made in four years.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

The democrats are seeking some grounds on which to base a contest of election of Weaver (rep.) as senator from the 34th Illinois district. So much do they dislike the idea of the United States senatorship slipping away from them that they have resorted to every artifice in the election, although the district election machinery was all in their own hands.

Harper's Weekly is lugubrious in its verdict over the weakness of Mr. Cleveland. It says: "In common with all who understand the necessity of reform we regret the selection of men like Messrs. Higgins, Pillsbury, Chase and Troup for important public trusts. Such appointments are only inconsistent with any principle of reform, but injurious to the administration which authorizes them."—*Day City Tribune.*

The house judiciary committee May 6th, reported adversely on a half dozen bills on the subject of divorces, divisions of estates, etc., and they were all tabled, whence they will never be resurrected. By the way, the chairman of the committee, Representative Markay, who is one of the youngest members of the house as well as one of the brightest and most industrious, reported 10 bills yesterday morning, and says he might have made it an even 20. *Det. Journal.*

It has been one of the favorite institutions of the Democrats during the last dozen or fifteen years that all was not right in the United States treasury. They have laid their greasy fingers alongside their buttoned noses, winked their beery eyes, scowled their elongated ears and knowingly wagged their befeudled heads as they have intimated that there was a great many's nest awaiting discovery whenever a Democrat should have a chance to handle Uncle Sam's cash. Well a Democrat has been let into the treasury, he has counted the cash, and, as prophesied by the Democratic munging, he has found a deficiency of two cents. "This is it!" the Democratic newspaper will shout in chorus. "The corrupt Republicans—after forty-two years of robbing, after forty-five years of basely, after only possibly \$10,000,000,000—are unable to turn over all the money, but must defraud the nation of two cents!" It is pitiful to think about—especially if one remembers the condition of the treasury when the last Democratic treasurer turned it over to his Republican successor. It begins to look as though the practical working of the egg—"turn the rascals out," will have to be postponed until the present administration has had time to put its rascals in.—*Det. Post.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL 21, '81.

Board met pursuant to call, and was called to order by Clerk of the Board.

On a call of the roll the following Supervisors answered to their respective names:

Chas. Jackson, Bull Township; T. E. Hastings, Beaver Creek; Peter Aebli, Blaine; F. P. Richardson, Centre Pt's; Duane Willett, Enderle; W. C. Johnson, Grove; J. Maurice Finn, Grayling; J. B. Calkin, Maple Forest; Ira H. Richardson, South Branch.

Moved by Supervisor Jackson, that Supervisor Finn be elected temporary chairman.

Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor—Ira H. Richardson, that we now proceed to ballot for permanent chairman for the ensuing year.

Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor S. P. Richardson, that Supervisors Johnson and Hastings act as tellers.

Motion prevailed.

The result of the informal ballot was as follows: Whole number of votes, east, 9. Of which Sup. Ira H. Richardson received 4; Sup. Hastings 4 and Supervisor Willett 1.

There being no objections the Board proceeded to the 2nd informal ballot, which resulted as follows: Sup. Hastings received 5 votes; Sup. Ira H. Richardson 4.

Moved by Supervisor F. P. Richardson, that the Board proceed to a formal ballot.

Motion prevailed.

The ballot resulted as follows: Sup. Hastings received 5 votes and Sup. Ira H. Richardson 4; whereupon motion of Supervisor Ira H. Richardson, Sup. Hastings was declared duly elected permanent chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion of Supervisor Finn, the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to give the chairman time to select standing committees for the ensuing year.

### MORNING SESSION, APRIL 22D.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. T. E. Hastings in the chair.

Roll called, entire Board present. Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Willett, that we adopt Tibbetts' Manual for the rules therein for the government of this Board for the ensuing year.

Motion prevailed.

The chairman announced that he had chosen the following standing committees for the ensuing year, viz:

BUSES—F. P. Richardson, Willett and Jackson.

FINANCER—Finn, Calkins and Johnson.

EVALUATION—I. H. Richardson, Calkins and Johnson.

COUNTY POOR—Johnson, Willett and Calkins.

ROADS AND BRIDGES—F. P. Richardson, Calkins and Achel.

COUNTY BUILDINGS—Finn, Willett and F. P. Richardson.

Moved by Supervisor Ira H. Richardson calling for the ayes and nays it resulted in the adoption of the motion, as shown by the following vote:

Supervisors Finn, Jackson, Willett, Johnson, Achel, F. P. Richardson.

Moved by Supervisor Finn, that all bills be first read by the clerk and referred to the Committee on Claims without further notice.

Supervisor I. H. Richardson calling for the ayes and nays it resulted in the adoption of the motion, as shown by the following vote:

Supervisors Finn, Jackson, Willett, Johnson, Achel, F. P. Richardson.

Moved by Supervisor Finn, that all necessary expenses 4,50; Supervisors' services 11.73, quarterly fees 2.75. Total \$29.75.

Most Respectfully,

W. RATTISON,  
Secy. Sups. of the Poor.

Quarter ending March 31, 1881.

Mrs. Pryor, food \$18.49, clothing

25.57, fuel 9.50, medical attendance

69.60; transportation \$4.60, other necessary expenses 1.50; Supervisors' services 11.73, quarterly fees 2.75. Total \$29.75.

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The Special Committee appointed by the previous Board in 1880 submitted the following report, which was upon motion of Supervisor Willett accepted.

Mr. Crawford County in account with Johnson, Steckert and Finn.

Mar. 21, '81. To four fares to Bay City. \$ 11.40

Mar. 23, '81. To four fares from Bay City. 11.40

Paid Shepherd & Lyon referee fee. 10.00

Paid hotel bill. 13.95

Paid bus fare. 1.00

Paid Det. Shattuck, on his bill. 52.25

Total. \$ 100.00

Mar. 24, '81. By cash from Tr. 100.00

W. C. JOHNSON,  
JACOB STECKERT,  
I. H. RICHARDSON.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:

SUPERLIMENS—We the undersigned a

Special Committee appointed by the

Board, at their special session in Jan-

uary 1881, would most respectfully

submit the following report, which we

hope will enlighten you as to our di-

ctorate's faithful officers. It was alleg-

ed by our county treasurer, Mr.

D. Davis, that on the night of October

7th 1881, he was robbed (or the county

safe) of Twenty-five hundred and

76.00 (\$25.00 76c). The under-

signed who submit this report were ap-

pointed a special committee to act

with unimpeachable powers to investi-

gate fully the matter of the robbery.

This we have done through the able

assistance of J. A. Shattuck of Chi-

ago, after two months of faithful la-

bors on our part and the detective

whom we employed. We had gathered

sufficient evidence in our estimation

to warrant the arrest of ex-Treasurer

G. M. F. Davis, which we have caused

to be done, and also to attach all his

property. We regret to say that owing to the ignorance or carelessness of a previous Board of Supervisors, a bond was accepted by said Board which was entirely invalid, and our County's only hope for a full recovery is in the attachment now pending against the property of ex-County Treasurer, G. M. F. Davis. The evidence we have collected is in the hands of our Prosecuting Attorney. We also after consulting with our Prosecuting Attorney, deemed it best to employ assisting counsel, which we have done, employing Shepherd and Lyon of Bay City. There will come before our Honorable Body, a bill of Mr. Shattuck for a balance on his account \$32.75, which we would most respectfully recommend be allowed as changing.

Hoping that our labors on the work we have begun will be continued by your Honorable Body, that the ends of justice may thereby be met, we would most respectfully submit the foregoing, and beg leave to remain

Yours, Most Respectfully,

W. C. JOHNSON,  
J. MAURICE FINN,  
I. H. RICHARDSON.

Moved by Supervisor Jackson, that Supervisors Johnson, Finn and Willett be appointed as a special committee to continue the investigation of the Crawford County Safe Robbery, (in Treasurer's office), which motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Jackson, that the consideration or revising the testimony now in the hands of the Prosecuting Attorney, in regard to Crawford County safe robbery be made at a special order of business at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1885.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. Price List.

(Corrected Weekly.)

Out No. 3 white per bushel, 50 cents.

Bay, No. 10000, per ton, \$2.50.

Starch, per barrel, \$2.00.

Bear, per ton, \$1.00.

Rye, dark, per barrel, 65 cents.

Rye, light, per barrel, 60 cents.

Extra rye, new brand, barrel, 475.

Excelsior, new brand, barrel, 375.

Flour, dark, per barrel, 35 cents.

Flour, light, per barrel, 30 cents.

Wheat, per barrel, 30 cents.

Barley, per barrel, 25 cents.

Roasted barley, per barrel, 20 cents.

Extra flour, per barrel, 15 cents.

Breakfast bread, per pound, 15 cents.

Mincemeat, per pound, 10 cents.

Meat pie, per pound, 10 cents.

Extra meat pie, 10 cents.

Extra meat, per pound, 7 cents.

Butter, Beef, per pound, 14 cents.

Butter, Pork, per pound, 12 cents.

Cheddar dairy butter, per pound, 21.

Fried eggs, per dozen, 11 cents.

O. & J. J. ground, per pound, 28 cents.

Pork, ground, per pound, 28 cents.

Flint's Golden Rye, per pound, 22 cents.

Texas, ground, per pound, 22 cents.

Sugar, Extra C, per pound, 7 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 10 cents.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 11 cents.

Oil, water-white, per gallon, 20 cents.

Potato, per pound, 10 cents.

Onions, hand-picked, per bunch, 20 cents.

Beets, green, per bushel, 180.

Sp. maple, per gallon, 10.

Sp. oil, per gallon, 10 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, 35 cents.

Advertise in the AVALANCHE.

Judge Batterson has as fine a field of wheat as you will find in the country.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.

W. F. Tripp, of Detroit, Juniper Inspector, was in town this week.

For Job Work of all kinds call at the AVALANCHE office.

Melvin Bates started for Syracuse, N. Y., on Tuesday, to take charge of his grandfather's farm.

For a Buckeye Reaper, or Mower, call on O. Palmer, agent, at this office.

Alabastine and Diamond wall finish, at Traver's Drug Store.

For a first class Sewing Machine, almost any make, cheaper than ever, call at the AVALANCHE office.

The best Washing Machine ever made, at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, on next Sabbath day—morning and evening, usual hours.

Noiseless Spring Balance Shade Rollers, at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

Keep close watch of our publication of the prospectus of periodicals. You will see something that you want.

Mrs. A. Loveseys has gone to Hillsdale County on a visit, accompanied by her brother.

J. Charlton, hauled about 2,150,000 ft. of logs to Portage Lake this winter, for H. Mantz & Co.

We can furnish the Avalanche and the Michigan Farmer for \$2.75 in advance.

Miss Kate Traver went to Bay City on Wednesday, to take a course of lessons at Devlin's Business College.

We will furnish the AVALANCHE and DEMOCRAT'S LIBERATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE for \$3.00 per year.

Mrs. M. J. Conine leaves this week for an extended visit to her old home at Thorntown, Indiana.

For one of the finest and best organs ever made at a reasonable price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

W. A. Manton, has some shade trees in front of his new building and lots on Peninsular Avenue, last Monday.

Inquire of O. J. Bell, if you want a desirable village lot. He will give bargains that will astonish the nation.

Regular meeting of Sons of Indiana, Lodge No. 14, on next Wednesday evening, May 20th.

For a Jackson Wagon, or one of any other good make, call on O. Palmer at the AVALANCHE office.

Frank Gregg, of Beaver Creek has the neatest ten acres of wheat that we have seen this Spring.

Do not fail to read the new prospectus of the AMERICAN ARTIST, or artist, only \$1.00 for the paper and a valuable encyclopedic.

F. L. Paisley proposes to open up at Rosemonon, and scenic shadows for the citizens of that burg.

S. Babcock & Co. put in 2,000,000 feet of logs into Portage Lake, during the last winter, for themselves.

Revival services are held at the M. E. Church, each evening this week, conducted by Revs. Weir, Kennedy and Taylor.

Charity may cover a multitude of sins, but it seems to us that begging is being reduced to a fine art in this vicinity. One small institution should not monopolize the business.

Rasmus Hanson and E. N. Salling sold out their interest in the firm of H. Mantz & Co., to Wm. Mantz. The new firm is doing business under the firm name of Mantz Bros.

On last Thursday the family of Mr. Peink, on the East side of town, were badly frightened, by the bursting out of the root in their chimney.

In addition to the previous large stock of wall paper which has been mentioned in the AVALANCHE, there was received to day, 1000 rolls more at Traver's Furniture Rooms, making now the largest stock and greatest variety of patterns ever brought to this city or vicinity.

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Do not fail to read our offer of the AMERICAN FARMER free to all of our subscribers who pay their subscription in advance.

Mr. R. S. Babcock informs us that the Michigan State Fish Commission planted 3,000,000 white fish at Cheboygan, last week.

Our Roller-Grain Drill, manufactured by Beckwith & Lee, of Dowagiac, Mich., and the best in the market, call on O. Palmer, agent, this office.

Mantz Bros. are now engaged in cutting and hauling logs to the lake. They will run a pretty large force for continued success.—*Seege Independent*.

Remember the AVALANCHE office can now furnish you with job work of all sorts competing with any office in the state for quality or price of work.

The new time card of the Michigan Central railroad is announced to take effect the 21st inst. The night train will probably go out at that date.

Salling, Hanson & Co. drew the first loaded train over their logging road, for this year, on the 8th inst.

E. Purchase ornamented his property and lot on Cedar Street, this week, by setting out some shade trees along the walk.

Subcribe for the AVALANCHE and get the American Farmer Free, and other agricultural papers at reduced prices.

Mrs. Walrand, mother of Mrs. George Forbes, is making her a visit, and will probably reside with her hereafter.

The largest stock and finest patterns of Oiled, Opaque and Decorated Window Shades ever brought to this town, at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

Louie Jensen has erected a handsome fence around his property on the corner of Peninsular Avenue and Geenew Street.

The school board would do well by instructing the Janitor to sow grass seed on the grounds around the school house. There is no necessity for such a bare-looking aspect.

Charlie Wheeler returned from Detroit on Monday. He has arranged for going into business with his brother-in-law Mr. Will Wild, in a short time.

In cleaning up your furniture this Spring, try a little of Traver's Mirror Furniture Polish. It is the finest thing ever made for making old furniture look as good as new.

The Avalanche says: "We believe we can tell a bigger true egg story than any of our contemporaries." O. A. Raw has sent an egg to this office that measures 10 inches in circumference, the smallest way, and eight and a half the long way. It takes the hen six weeks in laying one every day. You can talk the bakery, Bro. Sweet.

Mr. Rasmus Hanson presented the Sabbath School of the M. E. Church, on last Tuesday, with \$10.00. This generous gift was unolicited, and was a pleasant surprise to the members and friends of the school. Who take this means of expressing their thanks to Mr. H. for his liberality and interest in the school. The money will be used in purchasing a case for the new books, and other necessary supplies.

Quite a number were in attendance at the court house Monday, expecting the annual sale of land for delinquent taxes to take place, but they were disappointed, as the sale had been postponed.

The Avalanche says: "R. Conable & Son will have their new boat fitted for carrying excursionists to the various fishing grounds where they will witness the rare sport of capturing live fish by the ton."

A Western editor completely covers the case when he observes: "You might as well try to shampoo an elephant with a thimbleful of soap suds as to attempt to do business and ignore advertising."

Jas. B. Titus, charged with printing and circulating obscene matter, on trial at Rosemonon, has had his sentence suspended until next term. Titus agreeing to reimburse the county for all expenses so far.—*Seege Independent*.

The Grayling Avalanche started out on its 7th year, last week, under O. Palmer's hand. It is booming Grayford county for all there is in it. Success to the plucky AV.—*Seege Online*.

Mr. R. S. Babcock received a letter last Saturday, from the U. S. Fish Hatchery, at Northville, that the Grayling eggs taken here, are nearly all hatched and the fry are doing well.

The Grayling AVALANCHE, of which Mr. O. Palmer is publisher, has lately been the subject of mechanical improvements which add to the symmetry of its appearance. We notice this journal is now in its seventh year.—*Chicago Newspaper Union*.

Mantz Bros. commenced towing logs on the 29th of April. Last year they made their first trip on the 5th of May. The ice went out of the lake sooner this year, but winter held on much longer than usual.

A young gentleman from the town of Grove, visited Grayling last Thursday, and took much of the ardor, got very loving and went about the town ardently embracing every one he met, until he fell into the embraces of the sheriff who kindly took care of him until morning, when he embraced the apparently-to-be-lover town.

The Masquerade at the skating rink, last Friday night was success in every way, fine costumes, fine music and fine skating. The boys are sparing neither time or money to make the rink first-class.

J. C. Merrill, of Birmingham, Michigan, who is traveling in the interest of a Toledo House, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr and Mrs. J. L. Wild of the Grayling House, to whom he is fortunate enough to be son-in-law.

The Crawford Co. Avalanche has changed its form, publishing its inside pages at home instead of outside, and will finished is for sale or rent. In care of SAMUEL HEMPHIS, PRAIRIE.

N. P. OLSON'S BILLIARD AND POOL

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.  
Lost, or strayed away from H. M. Gallagher's camp, near the Manistee River, a black cow, without a white hair, giving four or five quarts of milk per day and will come in next June; nice horns, shod blue, looks apparently young. The above reward will be given to any one who will deliver the cow at the camp or at Sanderson's barn in Grayling.

May 23—PAT. GALLAGHER.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

A new house and lot conveniently located near the center of the city, well finished is for sale or rent. In care of SAMUEL HEMPHIS, PRAIRIE.

THE MONARCH

PARLORS.

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THE choicest Wines, Liquors and the best 5 and 10-cent Cigars constantly on hand.

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FRESH AND SALT MEATS, FISH AND CANNED GOODS.

BUTTER, EGGS, LARD, AND VEGETABLES OF ALL KINDS. IN fact everything usually kept in a first class market. Fair weight and reasonable prices. Market on Michigan Avenue.

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## NEWS CONDENSED.

### Concise Record of the Week.

#### EASTERN.

The disaster in New York City a few weeks ago which caused the collapse of the Buddeus building traps has now been followed by one in Brooklyn with a still more fearful loss of life. A factory which was propped up because it was insecure suddenly collapsed when it was filled with working people. Fire added its terrors to the danger caused by the falling walls, and the result was the death of a large number of operatives and the maiming of still more.

A jury in New York acquitted Richard Short of an attempt to murder Capt. Phelan, of Kansas City.

George W. Tripp, 70 years old, of Freeport, N. Y., hanged himself on being informed that his wife, whose age is 78, had a cancer and could not live.

A verdict for \$100 was rendered last week against Prof. Marshall Ilford Boyesen for slapping a boy at West Hanover, L. I., in 1883, causing him to become deaf.

Nearly one hundred deaths have occurred from the epidemic at Plymouth, Pa., and the worst is not over yet. A committee of local physicians has discovered a satisfactory explanation of the epidemic. At the head waters of the mountain streams supplying Plymouth with water is a house in which typhoid has prevailed for the past three months. The exteriors of the sick were thrown into a privy forty feet from the stream, and were washed into the stream by March rains. By this pollution of the water, nearly one thousand persons were poisoned.

It is now ascertained that at least twenty-four lives were lost by the burning of the factory building in Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn.

#### WESTERN.

At Benten, New Mexico, Martin Nelson killed Dr. William H. Flynn, late of Boston, and shot dead M. S. Maybury, his wife and three children, and also a neighbor who came to the house alarmed by the shooting. A guard surrounded the residence, but Nelson had escaped; and surprised the watchers, shooting one of them dead. He was then killed himself. It is supposed that he was insane.

A desperate burglar compelled Mr. Charles Hay, a Milwaukee millionaire, at the point of a revolver to give up what money and jewelry there were in the house. He then escaped. His safe was "burglar-proof" until the intruder cut all the wires.

S. W. Tallmadge, the Milwaukee crop statistician furnishes the Chicago Inter Ocean copious reports concerning the present condition of the wheat crop. The reports say that about the winter wheat to be in a very unpromising condition and notwithstanding the recent rain and warm weather have given the plant a better appearance, no improvement can be reported in the prairie of the crop. On the contrary, the good weather has developed the actual damage done by winter killing and other causes. Thousands of acres in the winter wheat States with but one exception, that of Michigan. That State report has a slight deficit in acreage sown, and no yield, but the wheat is in fair condition, other wheat States excepting the lower winter wheat States is the greatest, even known, and will prove a serious blow to many of the States that depend largely upon their wheat product.

The Iowa Indians, located on the Nez Perce Agency in Kansas, have made preparations to emigrate to Indian Territory in a body. They number about 150 persons.

Eddie Banardi, a Chicago lad of 14 years, who had been killed by Treasury Sergeant, one year younger, fired three shots at her and then lodged a bullet in his left side.

The Coroner's jury at Lemont, Ill., signed a paper expressing the opinion that Sheriff Hanchett, of Chicago, was busy in sending troops to the place without asking the assistance of the town authorities to impress the people; and that, as the crowd had mainly gathered from curiosity, the military officers should have used more discretion before firing.

In Chicago, soon after noon of Friday, the 8th inst., flames broke out in the yards of the Chicago Lumber Company, along the river in the vicinity of West Thirty-fifth and Iron streets. Nearly every engine in the city hurried to the scene, and six hours were required to bring the conflagration under control. Four engines were burned over, the others being the Chicago Lumber Company, Bigelow Brothers, Adams, Hastings & Co., and J. W. Hinckley & Co. The losses aggregate \$900,000, on which there is insurance to the amount of \$480,000, widely distributed.

#### SOUTHERN.

Illinois day was observed at the New Orleans Exposition by employees in Music Hall. The exhibit made by the Prairie State is a highly creditable one, and is in thorough order.

At a mass meeting of the Kentucky settlers at Lexington it was resolved for the balance of the season to restrict production to actual demand.

Mose Harris, the Hot Springs editor who was expelled from the town last year by a citizens' committee, brought suit in the Federal court for \$100,000 damages. A jury has just awarded him \$1,250.

A tornado at Godsdon, Ala., blew over a mill, giving three persons fatal injuries.

#### WASHINGTON.

White House employees claim that no provision of any kind has ever been taken to protect the President from assassination.

The count of the cash in the National Treasury is practically completed. The only discrepancy is 2 cents missing from \$3 package of pennies.

With the veterans of the Army of the Potomac, President Cleveland, Vice-President Hendricks, Secretary Baird and Whitney, Postmaster General Vilas, and others visited the battlefield of Gettysburg on the 10th inst. The President's carriage, containing the President and Vice-President, Gov. Pattison, and ex-Gov. Curtis, led the way through the village to the cemetery, three-quarters of a mile away, where the ceremonies of the day took place. The distinguished guests, having assembled upon the stand, with the main body of the visitors in front and below, were formally welcomed by Gov. Pattison. Maj. Martin Maguire, ex-Delaware in Congress from Montana, replied to the Governor's speech of welcome. Gov. Dixie, Commissioner of Pensions, was the next speaker. Gov. Roseman, as Chairman of the Congressional Committee on Invitations, on behalf of the First Corps, was charged with the duty of welcoming the national legislators. At Mount Vernon, Md., on the return trip of the Presidential party from Gettysburg, an enthusiastic reader fired his pistol two or three times into

the air, it was probably intended as a salute for want of artillery. The story was started and passed through the train that the man had shot at the President.

Secretary Manning has thus directed the issue of \$1 and \$2 notes to be discontinued for the present.

Prof. C. V. Roiley, the entomologist of the Agricultural Department, has prepared a circular announcing that the department will purchase during the coming summer such quantities of silk-worm eggs as may be deemed necessary for the distribution it is proposed to make for the season of 1886, and as far as practicable, will purchase them from American producers. Eggs of improved race (preferably of the French or Italian yellow races) will be bought.

#### POLITICAL.

Postmaster General Vilas has notified the members of Congress that they must determine the Postmasters of the fourth class for their respective districts. He finds many applications endorsed by members for the same offices. He insists that some one man must be designated by the member, as he does not desire to decide between the rival aspirants. This will give Congressmen employment for some months.

The Illinois Legislature has passed into the control of the Republicans. J. W. Weaver having been elected representative from the Thirty-fourth district by a majority of 200, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Shaw. The district is naturally Democratic by 2,000 majority, and the result creates the greatest surprise. A Republican scheme, secretly arranged, worked successfully. No Republican voter appeared at the polls until 4 o'clock p. m. of the day of election, and then surprised the Democrats by accepting as conclusive, and the project of substituting the question to arbitration shall be abandoned.

#### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The plan for the arbitration of the Russo-English dispute is believed to have been abandoned, says a London dispatch. At a long session of the British Cabinet the other day it was proposed that if further evidence disproves Sir Peter Luusden's charges against the Russians for responsibility for the Panay incident, this evidence shall be accepted as conclusive, and the project of arbitration shall be abandoned.

Chicago telegram: The price of hay has already advanced to a high figure in the market, but a direct consequence of the unusually cold weather. The grasses are now in full bloom, and the cattle are languishing for want of a little sunshine. Crop reports from Iowa represent that the recent cold weather did little or no damage to the growing wheat in that section. The strawberry crop in Southern Illinois has been badly injured by the recent heavy frost.

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Gen. Middleton's forces have had a brush with the half-breeds near Battle Creek, on the Upper Saskatchewan. Several daring charges were made on both sides and both regular and rebels suffered severely. It appears from the telegraphic reports of the war, that Gen. Middleton addressed the rebels at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 9th inst. He found the half-breeds bring on the steamer Northern from both banks, and the boat drifting upon a sandbar. Capt. Howard, with a flotilla of men, drove the enemy to flight, but they rallied and fought bravely until night approached. The fight was a general one. Six men are said to have been killed and eighteen wounded, while the rebels lost 12.

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The President has selected George V. N. Lottrop, of Michigan, to be Minister to Russia. A resolution strongly endorsing the appointment was unanimously adopted by the Michigan House. Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky, has been appointed Minister and Consul General of the United States to Switzerland. J. E. W. Thompson, of New York, gets the Hayti mission.

Senator Cameron intends to take no part in the pending State contest in Pennsylvania. He has engaged quarters near Los Angeles, Cal., until November, and will remain there, hoping to recover his health.

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